Flo Disruptor

As a working class, “poor”, individual, existing in cities, in a country, which no longer (or never truly has) accepts(ed) ppl like me, I disrpt the flw. I disrpt the flw of the elte, their cmfy lttl routines. As a mssngr I do ths evn more, I shw up in offces lookng out of plce, smlling like the cty, the grt, the trsh, the rain, the sun, the soot, the oils, everything you can imagine in a cty I hve ingrned deep withn my skn. I disrpt the flw with how I rde, no brkes, can’t stp won’t stop, jst constant forward mtn, in Mchgn, in Dtrt, whre ths was originally writte, it is much more true. In NYC things move faster, so the flw is dffrnt, my flw is more in tune with the fast pace of the cty. Dtrt and mchgn run much more slowly, and it is so much more car centric, so when ppl encntr such a hectic and fast paced flow, especially a bike that isn’t bending to their whims, they gain a glimpse of a whole different world. A wrld whre things move faster, where metal monsters aren’t God. Whre cars don’t rule the road and dictate how ppl move, whre they can’t bully humans not encased in metal boxes. This also is true when I blow past traffic in Manhattan, but I think much more true and impactful in Dtrt. Bt it is also imprtn to take things slow sometimes. There is always balance needed in life. WE cannt move too slow, get stuck in thoughts, or else the opprsers win, and we won’t learn and connct with the world and othr ppl. Theflw in the US right now si that of opprsrs of all sorts ruling, and we must disrpt tht in any way we can. A lot of revolutionaries I speak to focus on the big revolution, extreme action, but a lot of these ppl also talk too much or cannt achieve these admirable goals. And it is undrstndble, I also dream of a revolution. But aI also know that in the stte the wrld is in, and wth how mny ppl have been brnwshed by the elite, that it might be unfeasible for a while, and might not be achved evn in our lifetmes. I am admtdly a v nihilistic prsn at times, thre is a deep sdness which corrupst my thoughts and views, so mybe that is why I think this, but I do know that revolution can also be done in smaller ways. Being a mssngr is one, I disrupt the flow, and hold so much power in keeping corps running, that evn if it’s not a huge action, with the help of my fellow mess workers, we show that regular ppl, “poor” ppl, can still hold pwr. It also shows that

there is another way to live, that you can balance your passion and joy with survival. I fall asleep every night wanting to flow, to ride, and to be able to do that is powerful. And I hopd that when the kid on the sidewlk or in the car, or on the bus, sees a raggedy, stoned out, messy guy on their bike, barreling down the street with a bag thats half their size, that they realize they also don’t have to be a suit or dedicate their whole lives to the capitalist machine. My friends in Dtrt have done that for me too, I am forever grateful, it looks different and manifests in a different way here, but they show me that you can live without constantly bending to the whim of our “rulers”, they don’t actually rule us if we don’t let them. They dedicate their lives to art, and show the world, and those around them, that there are still places, ways to do that, to make your art your life, and survive. That is also flow disrptn, making sonicz and art that isn’t watered down, that isn’t marketable, that makes ppl feel and think differently. And I know many flow disruptors, from the ppl who occupy my LBS to the other lovely ppl in Dtrt, my friends in NYC, the people I have met since this was originally drafted in Boston, they have all dedicated their souls to something other than money. Flow disrptn is imprtnt and one of our biggest tools in the constant struggle and fight against gentrification and evil. The way it inspires others, and despite sometimes feeling insignificant does affect energy and show others “Real people are still kicking!”, dis something I think will make it all OKAY in the End.

From the 718 to the 313 continue being raw and real, NEVER BEND, KEEP DISRUPTING.

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